



# BOISE STATE INTERNATIONAL INSIDER

**Making Connections** | *Building Global Community*

**September 25, 2013**

## Coming Events & Activities

**Every Tuesday, 1:30 to 2:30pm** – Drop-in Career Advising in the Student Diversity Center (SDC) with Becca Dickinson of the Career Center

**Every Wednesday, 3:30 to 5:30pm** - Coffee & Conversation in the Student Diversity Center

**September 26<sup>th</sup>**- OPT workshops for students graduating in December 2013 (see details p.4)  
**Be sure to register for the workshop.**

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**- Saudi National Day Celebration (see details p.2)

### Note to students:

ISS has hung a whole lot of new international flags in the lounge. Come check it out and look for your flag. If you do not see your flag, feel free to bring us one and we will hang it.



### ISS Staff Spotlight!

Nhu Lam (Mila)

I am an international student from Vietnam. I am majoring in Chemistry with emphasis in Biochemistry and with a minor in Biology. I have been studying at Boise State University for two years and started to work at International Student Services since August 2013. I speak English and Vietnamese fluently. I love watching crimes and investigations, so I would love to involve in something relating to that area in the future. Besides that, dancing and singing are my other interests. There are a several things I like when working at ISS: the warmth of love which is from ISS staffs has given the feeling of a real family; meeting international students has given me a lot of

valuable cultural experiences as well as has expanded my connection to all the friends from different countries, and it is very fun at ISS.

**A LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU! DON'T MISS OUT!**

**The International Student Association (ISA) is a student organization at Boise State that serves to:**

- Orient international students to life and culture in the U.S., Idaho, and Boise
- Provide opportunities for the building of friendships with American and international students
- Plan fun student trips in Boise and the surrounding area (past trips included: ice skating, swimming in local hot springs, snow tubing, floating the Boise river, rafting local rivers, and trips to nearby cities such as McCall and Sun Valley)
- Organize and sponsor extra-curricular activities and events such as the annual International Food Song & Dance Festival (ISA's signature event)

**This is great experience for you,  
and it looks good on your resume!**



Student leader  
Positions available:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Festival Coordinator

To learn more about how to apply for the leadership positions or how to become a member, please email ISA at [isa@boisestate.edu](mailto:isa@boisestate.edu).

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**The Saudi Student Club  
invites you to join us for their annual signature event,  
Saudi National Day!**

Free  
Admission!!  
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Traditional food,  
performances,  
activities  
and more!  
Everybody is  
welcome!

**Saudi National  
Day Celebration**

**Friday, September 27th  
7:30pm -10pm  
Jordan Ballroom**



## NEW STUDENT CLUB ON CAMPUS: Boise State Refugee Alliance

The Boise State Refugee Alliance consists of creative members whose work reflects an awareness and support to the refugees at Boise State University. Our mission is to explore identities beyond nation, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity and race.

The Boise State Refugee Alliance is involved in creating public events to enhance communications between refugee students and Boise State University faculty and staff and beyond.

It works to raise university awareness, as a concrete tool for helping refugees in their everyday educational challenges in a new location and situation.

The group discusses issues of refugees in the Boise State community, through events, Facebook group as well as in the public media and Boise State website.

*Students and faculty/staff interested in being involved, please contact Refik - [refiksadikovic@u.boisestate.edu](mailto:refiksadikovic@u.boisestate.edu) or Belma - [belmasadikovic@u.boisestate.edu](mailto:belmasadikovic@u.boisestate.edu) adviser*



### **Tunnel of Oppression**

Interested in helping plan and give some input on the creating of this year's Tunnel of Oppression? Come to the weekly meetings, every Wednesday from 1 to 3:00 pm in the Student Diversity Center (SDC) on the second floor of the student union building.

Please join Multicultural Student Service (MSS) if you want to help plan for this year's event. The Tunnel will be Nov. 8 & 9th, 2013 in the Simplot Ballroom.



# **Are you graduating this semester? Apply for OPT now.**

**Will you opt-in?**



Sign up now for an OPT workshop. All workshops take place at ISS

Last Workshops date:

Thursday, Sept 26, 4:30-6 pm

Friday, Oct 11, 3:30- 5 pm

Optional Practical Training (OPT) is 12 months of full or part-time employment for practical training directly related to the student's field of study, typically performed after graduation. OPT can be done anywhere in the US.

## **To be eligible for OPT:**

- Student must be in F-1 status
- Student must apply for OPT prior to graduation through ISS. (Currently it is taking 3 months to get CIS approval)
- It is not necessary to have chosen a place of employment prior to applying for OPT

## **To apply for OPT:**

- Attend an OPT workshop at ISS. To sign up please go to this link: <https://secureforms.boisestate.edu/iss/opt-registration-form/>
- Please arrive on time and bring:

Your I-20, visa, passport, I-94 card and 2 passport-size photo  
A check or money order made out to CIS for \$380 to the workshop

To obtain your I-94 card please go to the following website: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/request.html>

The Boise State International Insider is a weekly feature of International Student Services, in the Student Diversity Center.

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